Remarks

- I. Specification. Paragraph [30.00] of the specification has been amended as required by the Office Action.
- II. Claim Objections. Claim 14 has been canceled so that correction is no longer required.
- III. Claim Rejections -- 35 USC §103. Claims 1-14 have been canceled and claim 15 has been amended to emphasize the patentable differences over the wafer support member described in the Nagasaki patent. Thus, currently amended independent claim 15 is allowable along with properly dependent original claims 16 and 17.
- IV. Claim Rejections -- 35 USC §103. Applicant has no claims to point out as required by 37 CFR 1.56.
- V. Reexamination and Allowance. In view of the foregoing, currently amended claims 15 is now allowable together with originally presented claims 16 and 17 (properly dependent). Reexamination and allowance are requested.
- VI. Prior Art Made of Record. The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and it does not describe or suggest the combination of elements presented in the claims as amended.

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